Remarks

No new matter has been added. The specification has been amended to direct the entry of the sequence listing at the end of the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), this submission includes no new matter.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the sequence listing and the computer readable copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith in the captioned application are the same.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-27 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 13, 19-20 and 23 being the independent claims. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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